

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BANGKO 13296 170905Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AS-01 SNM-02 TRSE-00 JUSE-00

CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /020 W

-----171302Z 110069 /44

R 170832Z JUN 77

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3334

INFO DEA HQS WASHDC

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BANGKOK 13296

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS

1. FOLLOWING IS A COMPENDIUM OF RECENT SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS WHICH HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION.

2. ON JUNE 10 CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND POLICE FROM THE POLICE NARTOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER (PNSC) ARRESTED A JAPANESE GANGSTER AT DON MUANG AIRPORT FOR POSSESSION OF 1 KOLOGRAM OF HEROIN #4. EXAKI EIJI WAS ARRESTED AS HE WAS ABOUT TO BOARD A THAI INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO OSAKA AFTER A SEARCH OF HIS LUGGAGE REVEALED THE HEROIN. OFFICIALS ALSO SEIZED TWO PISTOLS. POLICE ARE REPORTEDLY SEEKING TWO OF EIJI'S JAPANESE ASSOCIATES WHO ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE A QUANTITY OF HEROIN.

3. ACTING ON A TIP-OFF, POLICE IN CHIANG RAI PROVINCE STOPPED A TOUR BUS ENROUTE TO CHIANG MAI AND SEIZED 2.1 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN #4 ON JUNE 14. POLICE ALSO TOOK TWO DRIVERS AND AN ASSISTANT
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BANGKO 13296 170905Z

INTO CUSTODY FOR QUESTIONING.

4. BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT POLICE IN PHITSANULOK CITY RAIDED A SUSPECTED HEROIN PROCESSING PLANT ON JUNE 14. THEY ARRESTED FIVE MEN, LUAN CHANWONG, AMPHAN MAIWONG, SOMBUN MAIWONG, KHUAN CHANTHABUT, AND SOMCHIT BUTDI, AND

SEIZED FIVE KILOGRAMS OF COOKED OPIUM AND ASSORTED EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS. THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT TYPE OF CHEMICALS WERE FOUND.

5. A HEROIN SEIZURE AT DON MUANG AIRPORT ON JUNE 15 HAS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF A HEROIN SMUGGLING GANG AND A TOTAL SEIZURE OF SIX KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN #3. AT 9 A.M. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARRESTED MRS. RERAI WECHANUKHRO, A MEMBER OF A TOUR GROUP ABOUT TO DEPART FOR HONG KONG, AFTER A SEARCH OF HER LUGGAGE REVEALED TWO KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN #3. ACTING ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY RERAI, METROPOLITAN POLICE RAIDED A FOOD-SHOP IN BANGKOK ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 15 AND ARRESTED PHONGSAK PHUMIN-NARINTHACHOT AND HAIKUN SAE TIAW (AKA CHAN KUO HUA) WHILE THEY WERE PACKING FOUR KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN #4 INTO THE TWO FALSE BOTTOMED SUITCASES. ANOTHER POLICE TEAM RAIDED A BEAUTY SALON IN THE SAME AREA AND ARRESTED TWO WOMEN, CHITRAPHON SAE HENG AND SOMPHONG SAE HENG, THE LATTER A SISTER-IN-LAW OF PHONGSAK. PHONGSAK'S SISTER, MRS. WARAPHON HANCHIRAKHACHON, WAS LATER ARRESTED AT HER HOME. POLICE HAVE CHARGED THE THREE WOMEN WITH CONSPIRACY IN THE SMUGGLING OPERATION. PHONGSAK'S WIFE PHANI WAS IN HONG KONG AWAITING DELIVERY OF THE HEROIN.

6. POLICE, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOGS, SEIZED A TON OF MARIJUANA AND ARRESTED FIVE MEN IN A RAID ON A HOUSE IN BANGKOK ON JUNE 16.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BANGKO 13296 170905Z

THE SEIZURE IS A RECORD FOR BANGKOK.
WHITEHOUSE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG TRAFFIC, ARRESTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BANGKO13296
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770216-1263
Format: TEL
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770647/aaaabpbb.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 8713fc7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2117965
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND ARRESTS
TAGS: SNAR, TH, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/8713fc7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009